

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A stage-geared gearbox (9) for motor vehicles, comprising an unsynchronized basic gearbox (15,17, 21, 18,22, 19,23, 20,28, 30), at least one synchronized auxiliary gear (12,13, 15,16, 17) and at least one control unit (45) for controlling engagement and disengagement of the gears of the gearbox (9) and also neutral position, characterized in that wherein the control unit (45) is arranged so as, when input signals indicating that neutral position is selected are received, to put the at least one synchronized auxiliary gear (12, 13,15, 16,17) in neutral position.

2. (Currently Amended) The stage-geared gearbox as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the control unit (45) is arranged so as in the basic gearbox (15,17, 21,18, 22,19, 23, 20,28, 30) to keep the a previous selected gear engaged while the neutral position is occupied.

3. (Currently Amended) The stage-geared gearbox as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the auxiliary gear ~~consists of~~ comprises a split gear (12,13, 15, 16,17) or a range gear (32).

4. (New) The stage-geared gearbox as claimed in claim 2, wherein the auxiliary gear comprises a range gear.

5. (New) The stage-gearred gearbox as claimed in claim 1, wherein the auxiliary gear comprises a split gear.

6. (New) The stage-gearred gearbox as claimed in claim 1, wherein the auxiliary gear comprises a range gear.